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Peabody Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas

CONFERENCE FACTS

Southern Women in Public Service: Coming Together to Make a Difference brings together women from different backgrounds—Democrats and Republicans, stay-at-home mothers and business executives, community leaders, political novices and veterans—to promote women in public service leadership in the South.

The goal is to improve the quality and character of government by tapping the talents of women currently serving in leadership positions and by opening doors for others interested in making a difference through public service.

The conference was founded in 1991 under the leadership of Lindy Boggs, former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, who also served 17 years as a member of Congress from Louisiana.








STENNIS CENTER

The Stennis Center for Public Service is a federal, legislative branch agency created by Congress in 1988 to promote and strengthen public service leadership in America. The Stennis Center is headquartered in Starkville, Mississippi, adjacent to Mississippi State University. Programs of the Stennis Center are funded through an endowment plus private contributions from foundations and corporations.

The Stennis Center's mandate is to attract young people to careers in public service, to provide training for leaders in or likely to be in public service, and to offer training and development opportunities for senior congressional staff, Members of Congress, and other public service leaders. Products of the Stennis Center include conferences, seminars, special projects, and leadership development programs.

LINDY BOGGS AWARD

The Lindy Boggs Award was established May 2, 1995, at the fifth annual **Southern Women in Public Service** conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The award recognizes a woman from the South who has demonstrated the ideals of patriotism, courage, integrity, and leadership through public service that have characterized the life and career of Lindy Boggs.

2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
						
Kay Bailey Hutchison U.S. Senator, Texas	Rosalynn Carter First Lady	Martha Layne Collins Governor, KY	Myrlie Evers-Williams Chair Emeritus, NAACP	Evelyn Gandy Lieutenant Governor, MS	Elizabeth Dole Presidential Cabinet Member	Ann Richards Governor, TX

FORMER SPEAKERS

First Ladies

Rosalynn Carter, Hillary Rodham Clinton

Presidential Cabinet Members

Elizabeth Dole, Alexis Herman, Lynn Martin, Kay Coles James

U.S. Senators

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Blanche Lincoln (D-AR)

U.S. Representatives

Corrine Brown (D-FL), Eva Clayton (D-NC), Tillie Fowler (R-FL), Kay Granger (R-TX), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Marilyn Lloyd (D-TN), Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (D-PA), Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), Sue Myrick (R-NC), Anne Northup (R-KY), Karen Thurman (D-FL)

Governors

Roy Barnes, GA; Martha Layne Collins, KY; Jim Hodges, SC; James B. Hunt, Jr., NC; Fob James, AL; Ray Mabus, MS; Ned McWherter, TN; Zell Miller, GA; Ann Richards, TX

Authors and Journalists

Maureen Bunyan, *President, MCB Communications, Inc.*; Dorothy Cantor, *Women in Power: The Secrets of Leadership*; Carole Leland, *Women of Influence, Women of Vision*; Cokie Roberts, *ABC News Special Correspondent*; Deborah Tannen, *You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation*; Carolyn Warner, *national lecturer, A Treasury of Women's Quotes*

Statewide Elected Officials

Lucy Baxley, *AL State Treas.*; Kathleen Blanco, *LA Lt. Gov.*; Cathy Cox, *GA Secy. of State*; Jimmie Lou Fisher, *AR State Treas.*; Evelyn Gandy, *MS Lt. Gov.*; Heidi Heitkamp, *ND Atty. General*; Elaine Marshall, *NC Secy. of State*; Sandy Mortham, *FL Secy. of State*; Sharon Priest, *AR Secy. of State*; Linda Schrenko, *GA State Supt. of Schools*; Inez Tenenbaum, *SC Supt. of Education*; Mary Sue Terry, *VA Atty. General*; Amy Tuck, *MS Lt. Gov.*; Harriett Woods, *MO Lt. Gov.*

Judges

Marilyn Aboussie, *Chief Justice TX 3rd Court of Appeals*; Rosemary Barkett, *Eleventh Circuit*; Martha Craig Daughtrey, *Sixth Circuit*; Mary Libby Payne, *MS Court of Appeals*; Lenore Prather, *MS Supreme Court Chief Justice*; Andree Layton Roaf, *AR Court of Appeals*; Jean Toal, *SC Supreme Court Chief Justice*

Others

Unita Blackwell, *Civil Rights Pioneer*; Johnetta Cole, *President of Spelman College*; Myrlie Evers-Williams, *Chair Emeritus, NAACP*; Anita Perez Ferguson, *President, National Women's Political Caucus*; Geraldine Ferraro, *U.S. Vice Presidential Candidate*; Tipper Gore, *wife of Vice President*; Laura Liswood, *Women's Leadership Project*; Marie Wilson, *President, The White House Project*; Betsey Wright, *President, Betsey Wright and Associates, Inc.*

HOST SITES

1991 - Jackson, MS
1992 - Nashville, TN
1993 - Atlanta, GA
1994 - Tampa, FL
1995 - Atlanta, GA
1996 - Birmingham, AL
1997 - Lexington, KY
1998 - Asheville, NC
1999 - Atlanta, GA
2000 - Arlington, VA
2001 - New Orleans, LA
2002 - Charleston, SC
2003 - Little Rock, AR

